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9. [] Talked to Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee, and confirmed the Director's availability to appear before the Defense and Military Construction Subcommittees of House Appropriations at 10:00 a.m. on 16 January in room H 140 of the Capitol. Preston agreed to my suggestion that the Director cover recent developments in Soviet and Chinese strategic weapons developments, and the situation in the Middle East and Indochina. He suggested we also include something about Cuba.

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10. [] Met with Mr. Charles Ducander, Executive Director and Chief Counsel, House Committee on Science and Astronautics, who told me that although Representative Olin Teague (D., Texas) will be designated without question Chairman of the Committee that Representative Teague is withholding all action regarding the Committee until he is formally designated and members assigned. Since Mr. Teague and Chairman George Miller (D., Calif) had worked so closely together in the past, Mr. Ducander does not see radical changes in the Committee operations.

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